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1. In February 1951, source, who was born in 1931, received a card instructing him to report on 15 March at an appointed place for enlistment. The card also instructed him to bring along certain personal documents and advised him to arrive "sober, washed, and in clean clothes." Anyone reporting drunk would be penalized. The card bore the stamp of the County Military Command, Enlistment Commission, Pilsen 2. The [REDACTED] required, and the following paragraphs are a record of his experience.
 2. The 1929 class was called first to appear before the commission. The entire class was enlisted, with the exception of one member, whose one leg was 5 cm. shorter than the other. All of the 1930 class was enlisted, with the exception of those physically handicapped. For example, Milan Malina, born 1930 at Vejprnice near Pilsen, is a photographer and was employed in the Skoda Works, Pilsen. He had been ill, and had just spent half a year in the hospital prior to reporting for enlistment, but in spite of this, he was recruited, and was told to report on 1 October 1951. However, on 10 May 1951 he received a card "inviting" him to enter the service on 15 May 1951. He was subsequently assigned to an engineer unit in Decin (N51/F56).
 3. Recruits from the 1931 class were selected more carefully. Only 12 men out of 25 were taken. The commission also paid closer attention to the occupations of the enlistees and showed particular interest in auto mechanics, plumbers, vulcanizers, mechanics, etc.
 4. All of the men reported to the commission in groups of 12. First, measurements for boots were taken, then weight and height were recorded. There followed a medical examination by an army doctor and two assistants. The examination was performed in the following way: The doctor listened to the heart, examined both feet and then asked: "Do you want to be a soldier?" Most of the enlistees answered in the negative, but they were enlisted anyway. The new recruits proceeded to another room where they heard a lecture by the political officer, and then each member had to appear before the Cadre Commission.
 5. The source said that publications have appeared in Pilsen ordering men of the 1931 class who have not yet enlisted to appear at the County Military Command in Pilsen within 14 days. A similar order was published for the

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1932 class. After the enlistments were completed in the spring of 1951, the enlistees were told that some of them would be called to service in the spring and still others in intervals up to 1 October 1951. From 1 April 1951, the call-ups took place every month on the first and/or the fifteenth.

* Enclosure:

Diagram showing various military
and government buildings in Pilsen.

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